

Page 1, replace line 5 with the following:

ence, which in turn claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application  
60/036,047, filed January 27, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 1, replace "an" with --a--.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Once Amended) A [communications] method of establishing communication  
with a party using an electronic device, comprising:

[a user inputting to the electronic device an electronic address of a party with  
which communication is to be established;]

transparently prefacing the communication with a network communications  
exchange, established based on [the] an electronic address of the party with which  
communication is to be established, to obtain information for communicating with said  
party; and

the electronic device [using said information] being connected to communicate  
with said party using said information.

Please add the following new claim:

17. (New) The method of claim 14, comprising a user inputting to the electronic  
device the electronic address of the party with which communication is to be established.

Replacement pages reflecting the foregoing amendments are submitted herewith.